

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Those present were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Dave Geiger, MDOT Bay Region, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County EA & CD. Excused: Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission and Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning.

### **Minutes from February 9, 2010 BCATS Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Majerczyk, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting. Motion Passed.

### **Federal Highway Bill Update:**

Engelhardt said that the Safety-LU Authorization Bill has been extended to December, 2010. The 2009 Federal Highway Bill rescission has been rescinded which will now allow for access to funds that had previously been tied up. The funds will be back on a "first-come-first-serve" basis in order to move projects forward with funding. There is no new bill in place.

### **BCATS FY2008-11 TIP Amendments:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout listing the various FY2008-11 TIP Amendments which included the MDOT Rail GPA, Borton Avenue Bid Savings, Liberty and Independence Bridges projects. The MDOT Rail GPA project needed to include the Wilder Road Crossing, which increased the cost for this project which needs to be reflected in the TIP. The bridge projects need to be moved from the 2011 TIP to 2012 TIP. The Borton Avenue Project had a bid savings of approximately \$79,000 and the money should have been freed up once the bid was awarded so the funds available from this project need to be re-programmed. Engelhardt suggested the STP funds from the Borton Avenue Project bid savings be put toward the Road Commission's Bay Arenac Project.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the various FY2008-11 TIP Amendments as listed and that the funds left over from the Borton Avenue Project be re-allocated to the Bay Arenac Project. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS 2010-14 TIP:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of the projects listed in the 2011-14 TIP along with an Illustrative List. He also explained the importance of having the FY2011-14 TIP reviewed in order to move forward with the Public Review Process. The State is talking about only having TIP amendments 4-6 times per year and only at specific times. MDOT wants to include an Illustrative List which will allow for projects to be moved more quickly if or when funding become available.

A motion was made by Moulthane, Seconded by Majerczyk, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to have the FY2011-14 TIP, including the Illustrative List to be published for public review. Motion Passed.

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### **BCATS 2011 Unified Work Program (UWP):**

Engelhardt explained that this was the BCATS Annual Work Program and it is basically a repeat of last years Unified Work Program (UWP). Engelhardt told everyone that there was going to be a Pre-Unified Work Program (UWP) Meeting taking place on April 16, 2010.

### **Travel Demand Model Data Approval:**

Engelhardt provided members with a table/handout which listed the population and employment data for the Travel Demand Model. The table shows where there has been a change since the approval of the 2005 data, including a decrease in population in some areas with an increase in areas of new subdivisions and growth. This information is required for updating the Travel Demand Model in preparation of the Long Range Plan update and Engelhardt was looking to get approval of the data presented.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the Travel Demand Model Data as presented. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS Non-Motorized Plan:**

Westbury gave an update of the BCATS Non-Motorized Plan. He explained that they are looking at historic railways and trolley lines that would have been listed in previous plans to see if there were some new ways to look at non-motorized usage areas and how we can continue to connect communities.

### **Wheels-On Road Bicycle Facilities Design Training:**

Engelhardt told members that BCATS would be hosting a Wheels-On Road Bicycle Facilities Design Training in Bay City on May 11, 2010. Westbury is currently working on the riding route that will be used for the training, and provided members with the draft route. The bike ride will be about 1 ½ hours. The class size will be limited to 25 and the registration fee is \$10 to cover lunch and snacks.

### **Project Updates:**

The **Borton Avenue Project** has been let and construction is scheduled to begin in June, 2010. This project will be starting once school is out for the summer and will tie up Borton Avenue for a couple of weeks. The **Wilder Road/Marquette Ave/Truman Pkwy/Woodside Ave Project** will be completed by August 15, 2010. The first phase will be Marquette Ave in order for it to be used as a detour during the remainder of the Project. The **Harrison St Project** has been successfully reviewed and approved by MDOT. The **Marquette Connector Project** is almost finalized out and the public response on the road is positive. The **Center Avenue Project** held up well during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City. The bridge work on the **M-84/I-75 Project** over I-75 will be completed in June, 98 days after closure of the bridges. After the bridge work is complete, the bridge over Dutch creek will be closed for replacement. The rest of the road work for Phase One (Delta Rd to 2 Mile Rd) will continue into the fall. Phase Two, from 2 Mile Rd to Euclid Ave will be started in the spring of 2011 and complete later that year. The **I-75 Project (Crane Road north to Hotchkiss Rd)** has been Let and the detours have been set.

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### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***Garfield Road Interchange:***

Engelhardt provided a handout regarding the traffic counts taken by MDOT on Garfield Road from US-10 to MBS and explained that an Earmark may be sought for this project.

#### **MDOT Non-Motorized Summit:**

There will be an MDOT Non-Motorized Summit will be coming up in Flint on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Engelhardt will forward details once he receives the email.

As there was no other business, the April 6, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*

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**From:** "Brandon Wilcox" <WilcoxB1@michigan.gov>  
**To:** Dave Engelhardt <engelhardtd@baycounty.net>  
**Date:** 5/28/2010 10:48 AM  
**Subject:** June TIP Amendments

Hi Dave/Dirk,

After running the snapshot for trunkline and local projects, I've found the following needed amendments:

JN 103209  
M-13/M-84  
Euclid Ave to Lafayette Ave bascule Bridge  
ROW Phase  
\$25,000 T  
Move from FY 09 to FY 10

JN 110803  
I-75  
NB & SB I-75 at Chip Road  
Install Weigh in Motion (WIM)  
CON Phase  
\$3,825 ST/\$848 M  
Add to FY 2011

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Brandon Wilcox, Transportation Planner  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
Statewide Planning Division  
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**From:** "Jay Reithel" <reithelj@michigan.gov>  
**To:** <engelhardtd@baycounty.net>, "Dirk Westbury"  
<westburyd@baycounty.net>  
**Date:** 5/28/2010 7:50 AM  
**Subject:** 2011-2014 TIP

Hi Dave,

Going through the 2011-2014 TIP with our Associate Region Engineer and we have a couple of revisions.

2011 I-75 Bridges - 9 Bridges in Bay County. My understanding is that we need to list these projects as part of the "reduced program" with the uncertainty of matching funds for our program. So, this project will be reduced to 5 bridges county-wide, with only 3 actually being in the BCATS boundary. Funding as follows: \$990,000 Fed, \$110,000 State, \$1,100,000 Total Phase Cost, \$2,284,000 Total Project Cost (inside BCATS boundary) and \$4,064,000 county-wide.

Looks like we also need to amend the next project, M-13 over Cheboyganing Creek, due to poor soil conditions. The revised cost is as follows: \$4,384,000 Fed, \$1,096,000 State, \$5,480,000 Total Phase Cost, \$5,819,000 Total Project Cost.

Also, under the Illustrative Project List, the 2013 I-75 project from Linwood to Pinconning Rd. is properly listed for a "reduced program" year of 2013...if match is identified it will be moved to 2011. The funding amounts for the project have been slightly revised. \$28,350,000 Fed, \$3,150,000 State, \$31,500,000 Total Cost, \$33,000,000 Total Project Cost.

Finally, the M-13/M-84 project which is listed as 2013 would be "delayed" if we assume the "reduced program" and would occur in 2013 if matching fund issues are resolved (I would assume that you would just need to remove the Fiscal Year 2013 on this project for now). The funding for this project has also been slightly revised. \$4,312,000 Fed, \$956,000 State, \$5,269,000 Total Cost, \$5,494,000 Total Project Cost.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call.

Thanks again

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**From:** Dirk Westbury  
**To:** Dave Engelhardt  
**Date:** 6/1/2010 2:30 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: US Bike Route 20 information

Here's the entire email thread.

Dirk

>>> "KerryIrons" <irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net> 3/22/2010 12:07 PM >>>  
Sita,

The route uses the trail through Bay City and doesn't go east of Trumbull.  
Here is the route (from the west) in Bay County:

Bay-Mid County Line Rd, Wheeler Rd, Bangor Trail into Bay City on the river  
trail to the Bay-Hampton Trail, S. Trumbull Rd., Russell Rd., S. Pine Rd

It stays west of M-15 as it head south into Saginaw County, and it stays on  
the west side of the river until crossing at Salzburg.

I hope this clears it up for you.

Kerry Irons  
Adventure Cycling Association  
989-631-6368

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From: Sita Compton [<mailto:smcompton@sbcglobal.net>]  
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 10:45 AM  
To: [CATBECK@aol.com](mailto:CATBECK@aol.com); [irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net)  
Cc: BOB Pawlak; [evanoffm@michigan.gov](mailto:evanoffm@michigan.gov); [westburyd@baycounty.net](mailto:westburyd@baycounty.net);  
[wschubert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wschubert@sbcglobal.net); [jlillo@baycoroad.org](mailto:jlillo@baycoroad.org); [davewaite@charter.net](mailto:davewaite@charter.net);  
[kathy.leikert@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.leikert@gmail.com)  
Subject: Re: US Bike Route 20 information

For the Portsmouth twp section where are you proposing it comes in at to  
join up with "Trumbull"? Do you mean M15 / Tuscola Rd? The existing Trail  
crosses M15 / Tuscola. If you do mean Trumbull, your only using a short  
segment from M15 to Trumbull in Portsmouth. Do you folks have a drawing of  
your proposed route in Bay County?

----- Original Message -----  
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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 6:27 PM  
Subject: Re: US Bike Route 20 information

Hi Kerry,

Wheeler Rd is a tough road to ride on with no shoulders. We have a plan in place where we are extending the shoulder of Midland Road (south of Wheeler) for a bike path, that then goes into Bay City. I would suggest either that route, OR, a more scenic alternate route north of that, Beaver Rd., which will take you to the Bay City State Recreation Area (BCSRA). Cyclists can camp out at the beautiful state park that is located right on the Saginaw Bay, which is a part of Lake Huron. The paved trail at the BCSRA then extends right into the City of Bay City and can connect you to the rest of your proposed route. The Michigander Bike Ride took the Beaver Road route last year and said the camping at the BCSRA was THE BEST. They had over 300 campers!

Please feel free to call me.

Cathy Washabaugh  
989-686-2463

In a message dated 3/19/2010 4:37:18 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net) writes:

Cathy,

Per the attached, I talked to Darwin Baranski about our proposed route for US Bike Route 20 through Bay City using the trail system. The proposed route connects Wheeler Rd. with the trail on the north side of Bay City, and connects with Trumbull Rd. on the east side. We need letters of support from each of the "owners" of the trail in order for MDOT to include it in the USBR-20 route. Darwin suggested I talk to you for more information about who whose owner organizations are.

Please call me at your convenience.

Kerry Irons  
Adventure Cycling Association  
989-631-6368

-----Original Message-----

From: KerryIrons [<mailto:irons54vortex@sbcglobal.net>]  
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 11:35 AM  
To: 'dbaranski@baycityymi.org'  
Cc: 'catbeck@aol.com'  
Subject: US Bike Route 20 information

Darwin,

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me today about USBR-20

in Bay City.

Here are the addresses to whom you can mail a resolution of support from

your parks commission. Josh is the one who will officially submit the route

approval application to AASHTO. Scott is the focal point for the state-wide

effort. He is with the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance.

Josh DeBruyn, AICP  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
425 W. Ottawa Street  
P.O. Box 30050  
Lansing, MI 48909

Scott Anderson  
7035 Springborn Rd.  
China MI 48054

As I hear from the counties in your region, I will keep you informed about their progress. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kerry Irons  
Adventure Cycling Association  
989-631-636

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The general route for USBR-20 in Michigan is from Ludington to Marine City  
(and into Canada by ferry) passing through Freesoil, Luther, Le Roy, Lake George, Farwell, Clare, Midland, Bay City, Frankenmuth, Millington, Otter Lake, North Branch, Brown City, Yale, Brockway, St. Clair to Marine City.  
East of Bay City, the route traverses Saginaw, Tuscola, Lapeer, Sanilac, and St. Clair counties.

USBR-20 continues west from Manitowoc, WI through Minneapolis, Fargo ND, Missoula MT, Portland OR and eventually the Pacific Ocean. The western portion of that route follows the route taken by Lewis & Clark in 1805-06.

You can find a huge amount of background information on the US Bicycle Route System at [www.adventurecycling.org/routes/nbrn/usbikewaysystem.cfm](http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/nbrn/usbikewaysystem.cfm) including



a downloadable map for the entire proposed system.